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SUBJECT: DOD-PROPOSED MASTER DATA EXCHANGE AGREEMENTS

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B. SECDEF OASD-ISA MEMO FOR RECORD I-24441/74 DTD 28 AUG 74

1. REF B, MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD OF A MEETING HELD  
20 AUG 74 BETWEEN DOD AND STATE REPRESENTATIVES TO DISCUSS  
THE FEASIBILITY OF A MASTER DATA EXCHANGE AGREEMENT WITH ARGENTINA  
AND BRAZIL CONTAINS SUBSTANTIVE INFORMATION TO RESPOND TO THE  
POINTS RAISED IN REF A. THE POINTS DEPICTED IN REFERENCED  
MEMORANDUM STILL REMAIN VALID. IN ADDITION, THE FOLLOWING  
COMMENTS ARE PROVIDED:

A. ARGENTINE MOD DESIRES IN MASTER DATA EXCHANGE AGREEMENTS  
HAVE ALMOST WITHOUT EXCEPTION BEEN IN THE R AND D AREA. INFORMATION  
IN OTHER AREAS HAS BEEN PROVIDED NORMALLY ON A DIRECT BASIS BY  
THE SERVICE SECTIONS OF THE MILGP AND STRICTLY WITHIN THE  
PROVISIONS OF THE U.S. DISCLOSURE POLICY.

B. PRINCIPAL AREAS OF INTEREST WITHIN THE R AND D SHPERES ARE:  
MICROELECTRONICS, LASER TECHNOLOGY AND SOLID PROPELLENTS. THESE  
ARE THE THREE PRIME AREAS OF ENDEAVOR FOR WHICH THE ARGENTINE MOD  
RESEARCH LABORATORY (CITEFA) HAS REQUESTED DATA ASSISTANCE FROM  
DOD ACTIVITIES. VISITS BY CITEFA SCIENTISTS TO CONUS FACILTIES  
HAVE ALL BEEN OREINTED TO THESE BASIC AREAS.

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C. THE COMMAND HEADQUARTERS FOR MOD LEVEL R AND D ACTIVITIES (DIGID) IS IN PROCESS OF DEVELOPING A COMPUTER-ASSISTED MASTER TECHNICAL DATA BANK UTILIZING MAGNETIC TAPE STORAGE. THEY HAVE REQUESTED ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING TECHNICAL INFORMATION FROM U.S. SOURCES AND ARE CURRENTLY INITIATING DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE DEFENSE DOCUMENTATION CENTER AND OTHER TECHNICAL DATA INFORMATION CENTERS.

D. AREAS OF HIGH INTEREST WITHIN THE ARGENTINE NAVY AND UNDER CURRENT DEVELOPMENT ARE SEISMIC PROSPECTING FOR PETROLEUM, OFF-SHORE OIL EXPLORATION, AND INCLUSION OF HYDROELECTIC POWER IN HARBOR AND DAM CONSTRUCTION. THESE AREAS MAY WELL BE ADDITIONAL AREAS OF INTEREST UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF DATA EXCHANGE AGREEMENTS.

E. AREAS OF CONTINUING INTEREST TO THE ARGENTINE AIR FORCE WHICH COULD RESULT IN REQUEST FOR INFORMATION UNDER SUCH AN AGREEMENT ARE AIRCRAFT DESIGN, PRODUCTION AND PERFORMANCE, MISSILE CONSTRUCTION AND PERFORMANCE, AIRCRAFT AND MISSILE TRACKING, AND ATMOSPHERIC INVESTIGATION (MISSILE AND BALLOON) TO INCLUDE TECHNOLOGY AND INSTRUMENTATION. THESE AREAS ARE OF AN ONGOING INTEREST AND REQUEST FOR THIS TYPE DATA HAVE ALREADY BEEN RECEIVED BY DOD ELEMENTS.

F. DATA EXCHANGE IN ADDITIONAL AREAS OF MUTUAL INTEREST, SUCH AS HYDROGRAPHIC STUDIES, OCEANOGRAPHIC DATA, METEOROLOGY, FLIGHT ADVISORY, ANTARCTIC ENDEAVORS, CARTOGRAPHY AND MAP COMPILATION ARE CONTINUOUS WITH DOD ELEMENTS AND OTHER SCIENTIFIC/TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES OF BOTH THE U.S. AND ARGENTINA.

G. FUTURE INFORMATION REQUEST MAY BE FORTHCOMING IN THE AREAS OF GROUND COMBAT VEHICLES. GOA IS CURRENTLY PURSUING A DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR AN ARGENTINE-DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTED COMBAT TANK IN THE 35 TON WEIGHT RANGE. THEY HAVE PURCHASED AND RECEIVED ONE (1) EACH U.S. M60A1 TANK FOR STUDY UNDER THIS PROGRAM.

H. THE ARGENTINE ARMED FORCES HAVE REACHED STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT WHERE NEED TO EXPAND COOPERATIVE EFFORTS WITH INDUSTRIALLY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IS WIDELY PERCEIVED AND ACUTELY FELT. IF USG SHOULD OPT OUT OF EXPLORING POSSIBILITIES FOR COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENTS, DEVELOPMENTAL IMPERATIVE WORKING ON GOA ARMED  
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FORCES WILL IMPEL THEM TO SEEK INCREASED COLLABORATION WITH OTHER COUNTRIES AT EXPENSE OF U.S. ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL INTERESTS.

2. RECOMMEND THAT DEPARTMENT CONCUR IN DOD SIGNING OF MASTER DATA EXCHANGE AGREEMENTS.  
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